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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

SUBJECT: NIGER BRIDGE ARBITRATION

REF: MAU MEMCON 3- 28-73

1. REDO EXPAINED GON - AID/ W POSITION THAT FOR SETTLEMENT TO BE PAID UNDER LOAN, APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED FROM PAVLO OR OFFICIAL ARBITRATOR.
2. GON (ORDONNATEURDELEQUE - PAYMASTER) CONCERNED AS SETTLEMENT MADE ON DIRECT ORDER OF PRESIDENT DIORI. THEY FEEL TO REFUTE SETTLEMENT NOW OR TO INSIST FURTHER APPROVALS MIGHT CAUSE EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR GON AND PRESIDENT DIORI IN CASTING DOUBT AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT.
3. GON FEELS THAT COST ARBITRATION WOULD PROBABLY EXCEED SETTLEMENT COST. WE CANNOT JUDGE THIS FACTOR BUT WE DO WISH EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AVOID EMBARRASSING GON.
4. WOULD APPRECIATE AID/ W FURTHER REVIEW THIS SUBJECT AND ADVICE.
5. DIFFERENCE IN GON LETTER AND AID/ W FIGURES PROBABLY DUE TO PAYMENT PENALTIES WITHHELD FROM CONTRACTOR. GON FIGURED ON BASIS CONT ADVICE WHAT ALREADY SPENT. WE

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CHECKING OUR RECORDS AND WILL ADVISE.

6. GON REQUESTS CONSIDERATION APPROVAL AT LEAST PARTIAL
PAYMENT BY SETTLEMENT DEADLINE APRIL 30.
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